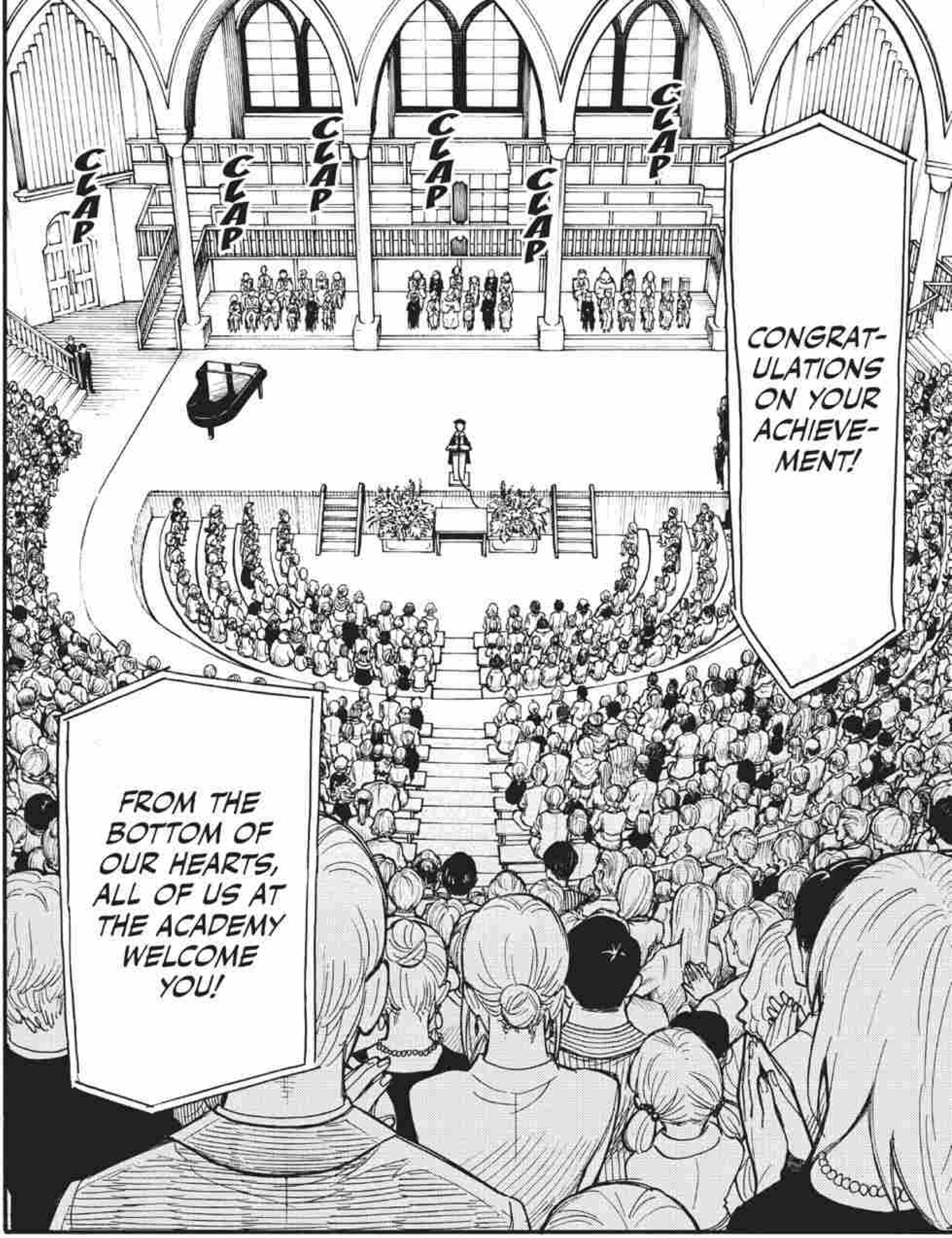
YOU ARE THE CHOSEN FEW!

MISSION 8

...YOU HAVE CROSSED THE THRESHOLD INTO THE HALLOWED HALLS OF EDEN ACADEMY.

DUE TO YOUR HARD WORK—AND PERHAPS THAT OF YOUR GUARDIANS ...

THAT IS A FEAT TO WHICH ONLY THE 228 NEW STUDENTS ASSEMBLED HERE CAN LAY CLAIM.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CONGRAT-ULATIONS ON YOUR ACHIEVE-MENT!
FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS, ALL OF US AT THE ACADEMY WELCOME YOU!

MISSION 8

...I'M FINALLY THROUGH THE DOOR.

AT LONG LAST...

Are we clear, Agent Twilight?

To enter Desmond's clique, the primary thing you must do...

BUT THE CHAL-LENGES HAVE ONLY JUST BEGUN.

THAT IS HOW UNIFORMS WORK, YES.

PAPA! EVERYONE'S WEARING WHAT I'M WEARING!

GLANCE

GLANCE

To be selected, she'll need to distinguish herself in a wide variety of subjects.

...is have your daughter chosen for the Imperial Scholars honor program.

MAKING THIS CHILD AN IMPERIAL SCHOLAR...

Do not forget, Twilight— the future of East-West relations depends on your success!

!!

...IS A PLAN I'VE ALREADY LARGELY ABANDONED.

I WILL NOW ANNOUNCE THE CLASS AND HOMEROOM-TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS.

IN ANY CASE...

RISING TO THE TOP OF A SCHOOL SO FULL OF EXEMPLARY STUDENTS IS PROBABLY A FOOL'S ERRAND.

SHUD
SHUD
SHUD
GRACE FEIN.
I'LL BEGIN WITH CLASS 1, SPECTER HOUSE...
WHEN CALLED, STEP FOR-WARD.
WILLIAM HOWARD THEODORE RUSSELL.
JES-SICA CLARK.
WHO KNOWS?
I WONDER WHICH ONE ANYA WILL BE ASSIGNED TO.
ON TO CLASS 2, CLINE HALL.
LUCY GARRETT.
BECAUSE I MANAGED TO MAKE A LITTLE CHANGE FOR THE SAKE OF THE MISSION.
I DO, ACTUALLY.
EDWARD PERK-SHIRE.
ALICE PAULETTE.
CLASS 3, CECILE HALL.

DAMIAN DESMOND.

I GOT ANYA ASSIGNED TO HIS CLASS.

TMP

HMPH

THEY SHOULD HAVE CALLED MY NAME FIRST.

IF THE IMPERIAL SCHOLAR PLAN PROVES TOO CHALLENGING, WE GO RIGHT ON TO PLAN B.

WHAT I CALL...

I'VE HAD MY EYE ON HIM SINCE I SAW HIS NAME ON THE LIST OF STUDENTS TAKING THE ENTRANCE EXAM.

HE'S JOINING HIS BROTHER AT EDEN ACADEMY THIS YEAR.

JESSE CAPEL

DAMIAN, THE SECOND SON OF THE DESMOND FAMILY!

DOOM

...THE FRIEND-SHIP SCHEME!

(1) THEY GET ALONG WELL AS CLASS-MATES.

(2) DAMIAN INVITES ANYA TO HIS HOUSE TO PLAY (ACCOM-PANIED BY HER PARENTS).

Come in!

(3) DIRECT CONTACT WITH TARGET ACHIEVED!

Wel-come.

Nice to meet you.

GO ON UP.

ZOD

ANYA FORGER.

!

I DOUBT IT WILL GO QUITE THAT SMOOTHLY, BUT IT'S ALWAYS BEST TO WORK SOME ALTERNATE ANGLES.

ANYA GREW UP SURROUNDED BY KIDS HER AGE AT THE ORPHANAGE.

SWAY SWAY SWAY

SARA SEYMOUR.

HER COMMUNICATION SKILLS ARE PROBABLY QUITE ADVANCED.

SO THAT'S THE BAD GUY BOSS'S KID.

STARE

CONNER HUME.

...

SHE'S GOT TASTE, I'LL GIVE HER THAT.

SO SHE'S THE FIRST TO FALL FOR MY CHARMS.

WHAT'S THIS GIRL'S DEAL?

HA. I KNOW.

WAIT, I KNOW THAT NAME.

HI THERE!

GRIN

A SHY ONE, HUH? ISN'T THAT CUTE.

STOMP STOMP

PEH

BECKY BLACK-BELL.

GEH

AND THAT GIRL BEHIND HER...HER FATHER IS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF PARLIAMENT! AND THAT BOY OVER THERE...HIS FATHER IS A LEADER OF THE STATE SECURITY SERVICE!

SHE'S THE DAUGHTER OF THE CEO OF A MAJOR MILITARY CONTRACTOR!

LOOK AT THIS IMMATURE BABY. I'D BETTER SHOW HER THE ROPES.

MY NAME'S BECKY. WHAT'S YOURS?

HEE HEE! LOID ALWAYS GETS SO INTENSE WHEN HE'S LOOKING OUT FOR ANYA.

PLEASE, ANYA... MAKE LOTS OF FRIENDS!

THIS CLASS IS A TREASURE TROVE OF INTEL!!

CLENCH

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

HEY!

HMPH

CLAP CLAP CLAP

NOD

THE 29 STUDENTS OF CECILE HALL ...

...WILL BE UNDER THE CARE OF MR. HENDERSON.

I'VE NOT FORGOTTEN HOW TO WHIP THESE JACKA-NAPES INTO SHAPE.

TWITCH

Mm.

HOW ODD TO SEE A HIGH-AND-MIGHTY HOUSEMASTER PUT IN CHARGE OF FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS.

I SUPPOSE BEING DEMOTED WAS THE BEST HE COULD HOPE FOR.

TCH

SO HE DIDN'T GET FIRED AFTER ALL.

!

Oh, how lucky!

THE HOMEROOM TEACHERS WILL NOW LEAD THEIR STUDENTS ON A SCHOOL TOUR AND SHOW THEM THEIR CLASSROOMS.

IN THE MEANTIME, WE'LL BE HOLDING A MEET AND GREET FOR THEIR GUARDIANS IN THE HALL C LOUNGE.

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

GIVE IT YOUR ALL, ANYA.

FWP

OKEY- DOKEY!

!

THE MISSION IS IN YOUR HANDS NOW.

SNICKER

YOU THERE! STAY IN LINE!

IT CAN BE HARD SENDING THEM OFF INTO THE WORLD.

I know.

I'M GETTING QUEASY.

Ahhhh...

THIS IS THE DINING HALL.

HERE, WORLD-CLASS CHEFS WILL PREPARE ELEGANT MEALS FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT.

BEYOND THAT DOOR IS THE PRIVATE DINING HALL RESERVED FOR IMPERIAL SCHOLARS.

HOWEVER, THOSE WHO FALL BEHIND WILL RECEIVE TONITRUS BOLTS AND BE PUNISHED OR EVEN EXPELLED ACCORDINGLY.

WHY DID HE JUST LOOK AT ME...?

GLARE

EARN EIGHT STELLA BY PURSUING YOUR STUDIES WITH ELEGANCE AND YOU TOO CAN BECOME AN IMPERIAL SCHOLAR.

YOU ALL MUST ASPIRE TO SUCH AN HONOR.

YES, SIR!

WHOA, REALLY?!

I MEAN, MY DAD *IS* THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL UNITY PARTY.

OH WOW!

OF COURSE I WILL.

I BET YOU'LL BE AN IMPERIAL SCHOLAR IN NO TIME, DAMIAN!

YEAH, OF COURSE!

NO PRIVATE CON-VERSA-TIONS!

LET'S BE FRIENDS!

So cool!

Wow!

MINE TOO!

MY DAD SAYS OUR FAMILY OWES A LOT TO THE DESMOND GROUP!

SO WHAT DOES YOUR DAD DO?

IF HE'S IMPORTANT ENOUGH, YOU COULD BE MY FRIEND TOO.

STARE

Little suck-ups.

...

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! YOU NEED TO LEARN YOUR PLACE, UGLY!

I WANT TO GO PLAY AT YOUR HOUSE.

SHOVE

GET AWAY BEFORE YOU GET YOUR PEASANT GERMS ALL OVER HIM!

OW.

SUCH A PEASANT. NO DECORUM AT ALL.

YEAH, THAT'S NOT GONNA CUT IT.

SO HE'S A TOTAL NOBODY.

Not even close.

HE'S A SP—

HE'S A FEELINGS DOCTOR.

STAY CALM FOR THE MISSION!

THIS IS THE MOMENT I TRAINED FOR!

CLENCH

...

GASP

Anyone who lets emotion guide their fists doesn't understand what true strength is.

Listen to me, Anya.

ARE YOU JUST GONNA STAND THERE LIKE A LOSER? SAY SOMETHING BACK!

A smile is the strongest weapon. It stops a fight before it starts!

When someone is just being mean, a cool girl laughs it off.

I wanna be cool!

LIKE I EVEN CARE.

HEH.

HEH.

SHE'S NOT AN IMMATURE BABY, AT ALL!

WHOA, SHE REALLY DOESN'T CARE! THAT'S AWESOME!

THAT SMILE...! IT'S LIKE **SHE'S** THE ONE MAKING FUN OF **ME!**

CLENCH

I'M... GROWN-UP?!

I was wrong about you!

YOU'RE ACTUALLY PRETTY GROWN-UP!

HEH.

We might need to work on Damian's vocabu-lary...

UGLY UGLY UGGO !!!

DON'T PUSH IT, UGLY!

SHUSH!

...

...

DO YOU WANT A TONITRUS ON YOUR FIRST DAY?!

YOU THERE! DO NOT MAKE ME SILENCE YOU AGAIN!

YOU SHUT UP!

I MEAN, SHE'S UGLIER THAN ME, BUT NO WAY IS SHE UGGO-UGLY!

DAMMIT! YOU WILL PAY FOR EMBARRASSING ME!

MAMA LIED. SMILING DOESN'T HELP AT ALL.

HEH.

YOU BETTER CUT THAT OUT OR I'LL TELL THE TEACHER!

SNICKER SNICKER

BONK

Outta my way!

CLENCH

BET YOU DON'T!

YEAH? YOU GOT PROOF IT WAS US?

WHEN I'M DONE WITH YOU, YOU'RE NEVER GONNA SMILE AGAIN!

...

GET USED TO IT, UGGO! BECAUSE I AM GONNA BULLY YOU RIGHT OUTTA THIS SCHOOL!

HA! THAT'S A GOOD ONE!

BWA HA HA!

GO AHEAD AND CRY, LITTLE BABY! YOUR "FEELINGS DOCTOR" WILL MAKE IT ALL BETTER!

YEP, YOU'LL GO CRYIN' HOME TO DADDY!

SCARED ALREADY? DON'T YOU LOOK AWAY FROM ME!

Past here is the performing arts hall...

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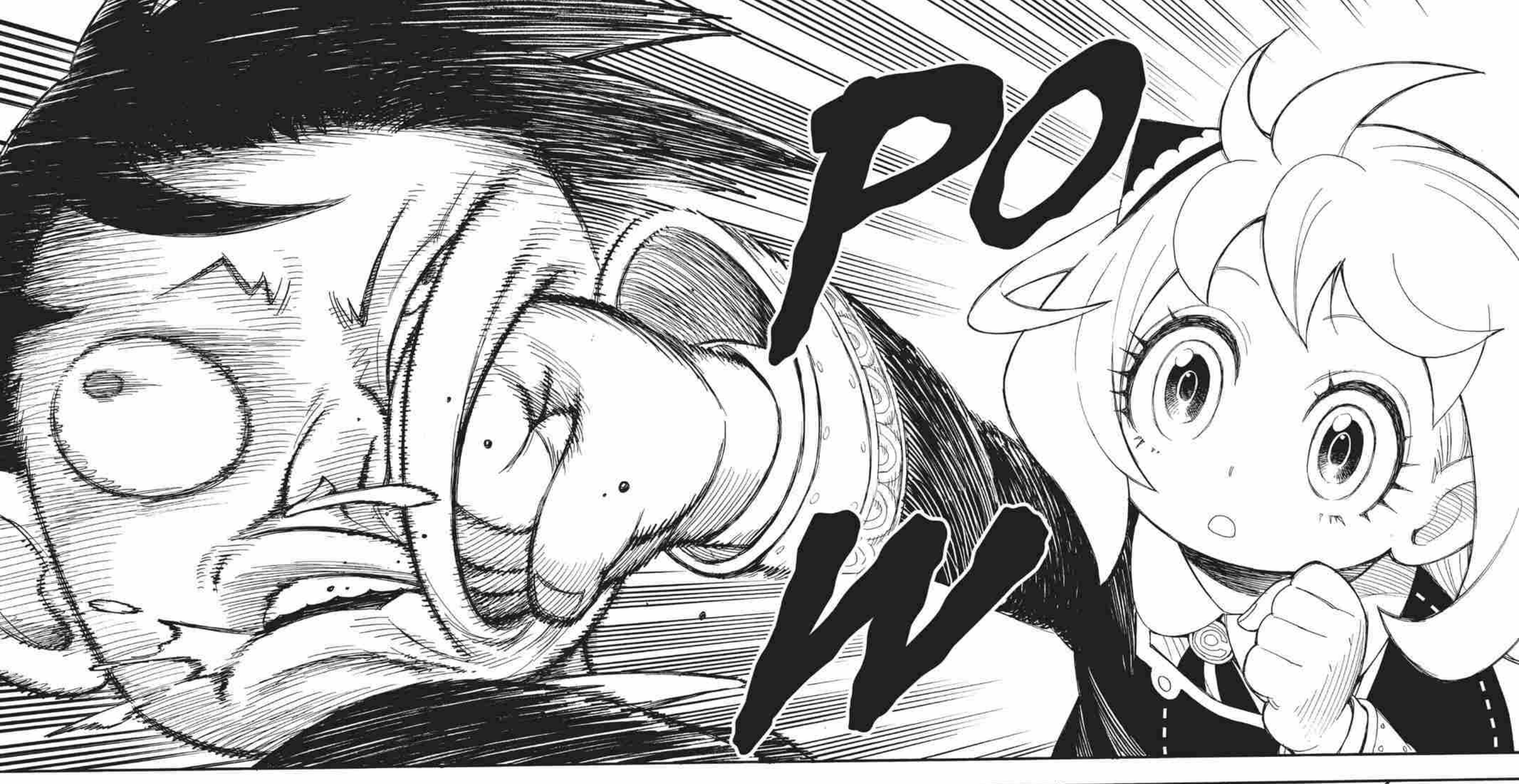
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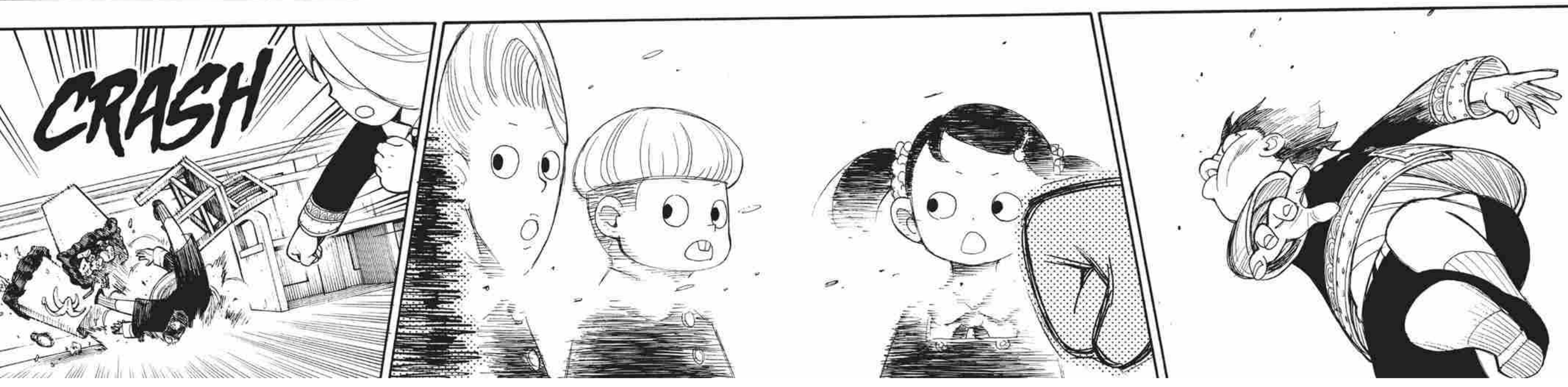
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TEACHER! SHE JUST PUNCHED DAMIAN!

WHAT WAS THAT RUCKUS?!

WAAAHH!!

UHN...

YOU CHECKED TO SEE IF THE TEACHER WAS WATCHING BEFORE YOU DID IT!

YOU THINK ANYONE'S STUPID ENOUGH TO BELIEVE THAT?!

I JUST HELD OUT MY HAND, AND... HE WALKED INTO IT.

IT IS A GRAVE DISGRACE TO BEAR FALSE WITNESS. I TRUST YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, ANYA FORGER?

YOU LEFT AN IMPRINT OF YOUR FIST ON HIS FACE!

YOU GOT PROOF IT WAS ME?

THEN IS IT TRUE YOU HIT HIM?

IT WASN'T LIKE THAT, TEACHER! SHE'S BEEN PUTTING UP WITH THEIR BULLYING ALL DAY! THEY JUST WOULDN'T STOP!

OH

The only time it's right to use force is when, for example, you're rescuing a friend who's in trouble.

Listen to me, Anya.

AND I GOT MAD AND... I'M SORRY.

. . . .

THIS GIRL...

HE WENT AND...

HE STEPPED ON HER FOOT!

A tiny bit.

QUIVER

OH, ANYA ...

THANK YOU!

SHE DID IT FOR ME?

Thank you so much!

THAT WAS MOST ELEGANT OF YOU, ANYA FORGER.

TO ENDURE THE ABUSE YOURSELF BUT TO FIGHT BACK TO DEFEND A FRIEND...

DONG DONG

NEVERTHELESS...

DONG

NEITHER OF DAMIAN'S PARENTS SEEM TO BE HERE, AS EXPECTED.

HM?

WHERE'S ANYA?

WE WILL NOW REJOIN THEM FOR A GROUP PHOTO.

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS! THE STUDENTS HAVE COMPLETED THEIR ORIENTATION AND ARE WAITING FOR YOU IN THE COURTYARD.

Plus, I made some new contacts!

WELL, THERE'S NO PARTICULAR RUSH. NOW THAT WE'RE INSIDE EDEN, I'LL HAVE ALL THE TIME I NEED.

A MOMENT, FORGER.

...A BOY?

YOU HIT...

AS A RULE, PERPETRATORS OF PHYSICAL ASSAULTS RECEIVE THREE TONITRUS BOLTS' WORTH OF DEMERITS.

Are you hurt?

What on earth ...

AND NOT JUST ANY BOY, BUT DESMOND'S SON?!

KRAK KRAK

PLAN B

PLAN A

KRAK

A DEMERIT ON ORIENTATION DAY...

AND HER RELATIONSHIP WITH DAMIAN IS ALREADY SHOT.

I'm sorry, Loid. This is all my fault for training her!

I HAVE USED MY DISCRETION TO REDUCE IT TO ONE. I DOUBT I COULD GET AWAY WITH ANY LESS.

I'm certainly in no position to judge.

I WILL INFORM THE BOY'S PARENTS OF WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED.

ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE, WE'RE READY TO GO.

LET'S SEE SOME SMILES FROM THE FAMILY ON THE RIGHT END OF THE FRONT ROW!

FLASH

CHEESE!☆

STELLA STARS TILL IMPERIAL SCHOLAR: 8
TONITRUS BOLTS TILL EXPULSION: 7
AFFINITY WITH DAMIAN: -100

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